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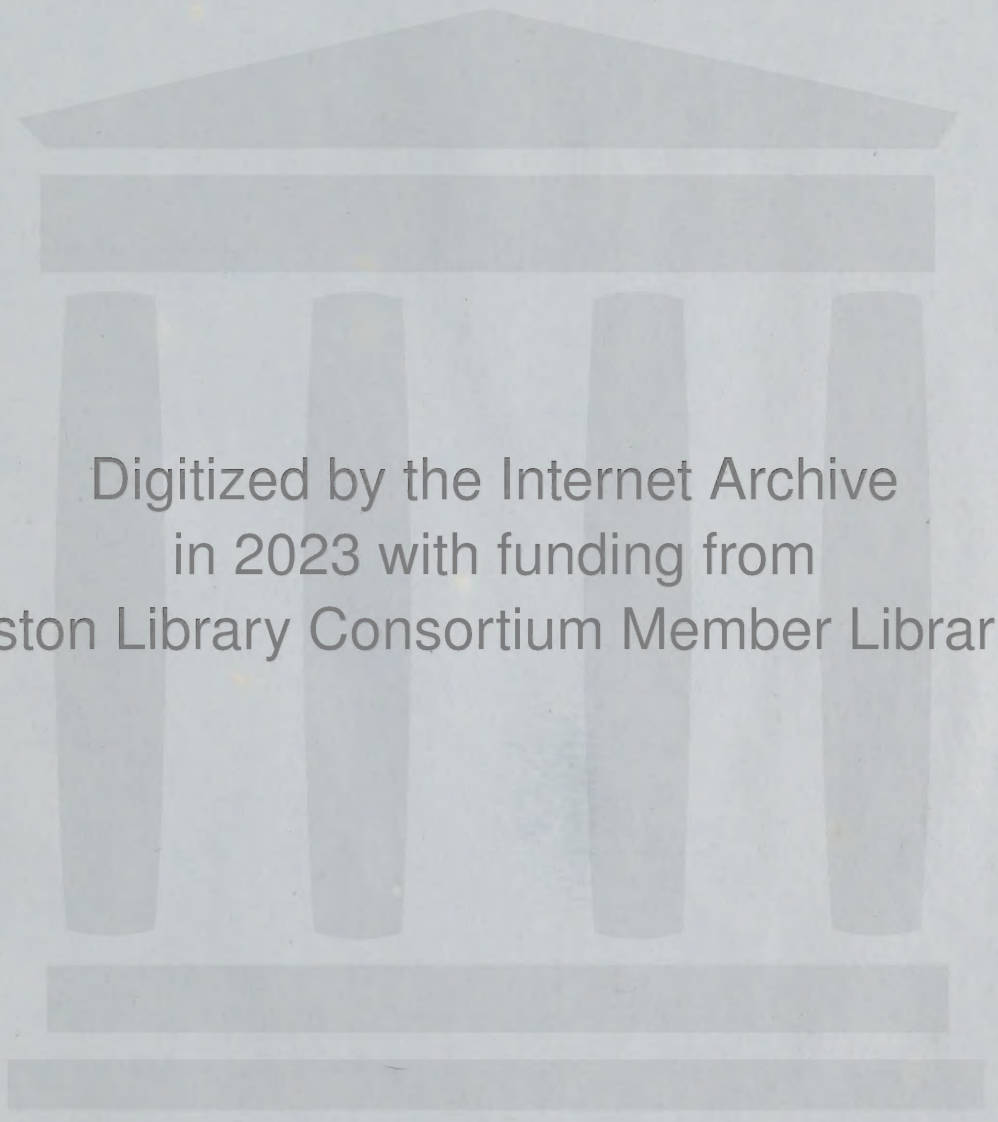

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Record of Salem and Grove Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Tenth Month — 1851

Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at [illegible] the 25th of 11 month 1851

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that there remained to the meeting at Dover David Buffum, William S. Chase and Valentine Meader, from Berwick William Hill Timothy Varney and Pelatiah Varney, who are all present

William Hill on behalf of the representatives informed that they had been together, and were united in proposing the name of Valentine Meader for Clerk, and that of Pelatiah Varney for assistant Clerk to this meeting, which being united with, they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for one year, or until another appointment.

The Queries were read in this meeting with the revised answers that were received from our Monthly Meetings

William Hill, having been nominated for Treasurer of this Meeting, and the nomination being satisfactory to us, he is accordingly appointed to that service for one year or until another appointment

Our business being accomplished for this time we conclude, proposing to meet again at North Berwick, on the 4th & 5th day of the first month next

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Valentine Meader
Clerk

First Month — 1852

Salem and Cow Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 22d of 1st month 1852

The accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named to this meeting are, from Salem Nathan Sage, George Reed, David Sutton and Caleb Hill Meader — from Berwick Isaac Lancy, Albert G Hussey and Sew Gerrish who are all present

Our Beloved Friend John Wilbur attended this meeting, producing a copy of a minute from South Kingston Monthly Meeting held the 27th of 10th month 1851, liberating him to attend, some meetings within the limits of this and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings. His company and Gospel labors have been acceptable and edifying to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign the same on our behalf.

The Queries have been read at this time, with the usual answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings

By the accounts from Berwick Monthly Meeting the following extract from its minutes was brought before us at this time viz

"In accordance with the general arrangement
"the Quarterly Meeting, and our Monthly Meeting
"in the 5th month, occur on the same day.
"We are therefore united in requesting the Quarterly
"Meeting to change the time of holding our Monthly
"meeting to the third fifth day of the fifth month
"the Women's meeting setting down"

And after a time of deliberation upon the change therein proposed is united with, and the minute recording, which that Berwick Monthly Meeting in the 5th month shall be held on the 3d & 5th day of the same, instead of the 4th as heretofore, and all the usual hour, the women's Meeting occurring therein, & the Clerk is directed to furnish Berwick Mo. Meeting with a copy of this minute

Our business being finished we concluded
by appointing to meet together again at Salem the 4th
Fifth day of the fifth month next
Signed on behalf of the meeting

Valentine Meader
Clerk

Fifth Month — 1852

Salem at our Quarterly Meeting of
Ministers, held at Salem the 27th of 3th month, 1852

By the account received from our Monthly
Meetings the representatives named to this
meeting are from Salem, Nathan Page, William
S. Allen, George Pickard and Valentine Meader
from Berwick, Timothy Lamy, William Hill
and Peter Gay, who are all present

The Queries have been read with the answers
thereto received from our Monthly Meetings, from
which the following Summary has been prepared
for the Yearly Meeting to be held in Rhode Island
in the 6th month next, and our friends
Nathan Page, David Sutton, William Hill
William S. Allen, Timothy Lamy & Valentine Meader
are appointed to attend said meeting as represent-
-atives

Ans. 1st All our Meetings have been attended, three
or four days by most of those who remain
with us. Mid week meetings, and those for
Discipline have been too much neglected by some,
the first pretty well observed by most. No
unbecoming behaviour noticed, a few appear-
-ances of Sleeping excepted.

Ans. 2d Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained

amongst us, and detraction is guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge

Ans. 5th Friends appear to be generally careful to bring up their children in plainness, and to exercise a suitable restraint in regard to reading fictitious books, on the common conversation of the world, and endeavor to be useful, good examples themselves - yet there are deficiencies on this part of some, in this respect. The Holy Scriptures, we believe are frequently read in most Friends' families.

Ans. 6th Friends appear to be careful to avoid the use of frivolous sports, and the frequenting of taverns, and places of public resort unnecessarily, — also to keep to moderation and temperance, on account of Births, Marriages, Burials, and on other occasions.

Ans. 7th Clear in the several particulars of this query, as far as appears

Ans. 8th Friends appear to be generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage may be conformable to the discipline. Our Monthly Meetings report one or two exceptions, and some care taken

Ans. 9th Our testimony against Friends' wages is well maintained, except in one or two instances of attending meetings where a minister is hired, and some care taken. Clear in the other part of this query

Ans. 10th Friends appear to be careful to exercise a due circumspection in these particulars.

Ans. 11th Care is taken in these respects, with the exception of one instance of removal without a certificate

Answer 10th First is a care resting with friends to deal with offenders in measure as queried after, but we are sensible of weakness, and more delay in timely dealing than would be best. Judgment is placed according to discipline.

The Clerk is authorized to make all necessary extracts from our records, sign the same on behalf of this meeting, and forward to our Yearly Meeting.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude, & Jonjourne to meet again at North Berwick on the 4th Fifth day of the 8th month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Meader
Clerk

Eighth Month 1852

Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 26th of 8th mo. 1852.

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representation therein named, to this meeting are, from Salem, Nathan Sage, William D Chase, James P Boyce — and Augustine Yeaden — from Berwick, William Hill, Joseph Meader and Levi Goud. who are all Friend but one. for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

Our beloved friend Benjamin Jones attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a minute of Smithborough Monthly Meeting of Friends, held the 2d of 7th month 1852 Endorsed by Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting, held at Grand Isle, in the State of Vermont, the 4th of 8th month 1852. informing that he is a Minister in unity and sympathy with him in his exercise of religious service amongst us. His company and Gospel labors, have been satisfactory to us. and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign the same on our behalf.

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings.

The Friends appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting, as representatives, inform they are attended.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, with an Epistolary communication to Subordinate Meetings and individual Members, have been received and read at this time, — they are as follows. viz.

" At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England
" held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournment, from
" the 13th of 6th month to the 16th of the same inclusive, 1832"
" "3d day of the week & 15th of the month"
" The Committee appointed at our first sitting, to examine
" and settle the Treasurers account, consider of a sum
" suitable for the meeting to raise, and to propose a Treas-
"urer, have produced the following report ——— Which
" is satisfactory, and Israel Kiffinton is accordingly
" appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our
" several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to
" him their respective proportions of Three Hundred Dollars,
" the sum agreed on."
" Salem and Dover Quarterly Meetings proportion, being
" Twenty per cent. is Sixty Dollars"

" "4th day of the week & 16th of the Month"
" The joint committee of Men & Women Friends to whom
" was referred the situation of such of the members of
" this Meeting as manifested their adherence to the
" Doctrines and Testimonies of our religious Society within
" the limits Smithfield, Falmouth, Vassalborough & Fairfield
" Quarterly Meetings, have produced the following Minute
' In view of the difficulties & Embarrassments under
' which divers Friends labor in consequence of the
' general defection in Principle & insubordination in
' practice of Falmouth Smithfield, Vassalborough
' and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, it is the conclusion
' of this Meeting, that when cases occur of Friends
' who have manifested a sincere attachment to our
' ancient Principles and Testimonies, removing to live
' within the limits of any Monthly Meeting, which is a
' branch of either Rhode Island, Salem and Dover, or
' Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, and make application
' to be received as their members — it is agreed that
' such Monthly Meeting be left at liberty to receive them
' and that they be considered as members thereof, ac-
' cording to the judgment of such meeting, and upon its
' receiving satisfactory evidence of their being in unity
' with Friends — of orderly life and conversation, and
' of their outward affairs being settled. And in case
' of their being in necessitous-circumstances when such
' application is made, or of their requiring pecuniary

'assistance afterwards and within the time already
'prescribed by our Discipline with regard to the obtaining
'of Settlements, they not having contributed to the funds
'of the meeting within the limits of which they reside—
'It is advised that such Friends receive timely and
'needful assistance from their respective Monthly
'Meetings, who are requested (if the matter should
'prove burdensome to them) to forward their accounts
'to the Meeting for Sufferings, which having approved the
'same, the expence is to be defrayed by a draft on the
'Treasurer of this meeting'——

"Which being read and weightily considered, is
"approved, and directed to be recorded".

"And the subject of such of them as do not remove
"as well as of those Friends who reside within the
"limits of the three Quarterly Meetings which report
"their State to us, but who are not within the ack=
=nowledged limits of any Sound Monthly Meeting
"also claiming our consideration, it is the Sense
"and judgment of this meeting that the same Rules
"and regulations may be applied under the direction
"of Best Wisdom, to the relief of such Sound and
"Consistent Friends as may continue to reside within
"the limits of the joint delinquent Quarterly Meetings
"which have been referred to, as well as to such as are
"members of the three Quarterly Meeting which are still
"duly represented in this, but who may reside within
"the limits of any Monthly Meeting in either of
"those Quarters, which has not been sustained in
'subordination to us, by reason of the great defection
"in principle and the prevalent unsoundness in
"doctrine existing among the members of such
"Monthly Meetings generally"

"The Friends appointed aforesaid to unite
"with a committee of the Women's Meeting to consider
"of the subject, and if may appear for it, to prepare
"the draft of a communication to our subordinate
"meetings, and the members thereof, embracing some
"of the exercises of the meeting and such counsel
"and advice as might appear best, have produced
"the following viz"

'From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New
'England, held at Newport on Rhode Island, by
'adjournments, from the 13th of the 6th month to the 16th
'of the same inclusive, 1852'.

'To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings & individual
'Members belonging thereto:

'Dear Friends:

'Having been permitted again to meet together in the capacity of a 'Yearly Meeting, and to experience, as we humbly trust, 'the mercy of Ancient Goodness to be mercifully spread over 'us; and, in and under this precious and solemnizing 'covering, to feel a living concern for our own preservation 'and advancement in the Truth; — and also for the 'faithful maintainance of those truly Christian Principles 'and Testimonies, which have been committed to us as a 'peculiar people, called and gathered out of the world, 'and the evil customs and manners, as well as the false 'principles, and contaminating influences of the world 'which lieth in wickedness, and in a state of alienation 'from the Life and Power of the Gospel which we profess, and 'most assuredly believe in; — our dear absent brethren and 'Sisters, have been feelingly brought to view, with sincere 'and earnest desires that they also, may be made in some 'degree sensible of the unmerited favors, which have been 'vouchsafed at this time, through the good Presence & help 'of Israel's unslumbering Shepherd, by which our strength 'has been somewhat renewed, and our hope and confidence 'increased, that as watchfulness is abode in, & faithfulness 'and obedience are maintained - according to the degree of 'Divine Light, and the measure of the Gift and talents 'received — We shall not be permitted to fall into the 'snares of the enemy, however thickly or deceptively they may 'be spread around us, or however cunningly they may 'be adapted to the peculiar circumstances in which we 'are placed, and to the particular weaknesses & infirmities 'to which we are either more or less subject, until the 'work of redemption and salvation is completed, through 'the effectual operation of His power; who is now as able 'and as willing to heal us of our spiritual maladies and 'infirmities, as he was in the days of his outward and 'personal appearance amongst men, when such as 'applied unto him in living faith, saying, "Lord, if 'thou will thou canst make me clean", — were made 'every whit whole.

But, dear friends, we have been afresh, and deeply made sensible at this time, that it will not prove sufficient for any of us, to have had our eyes once anointed to see into the mysteries of Life and Salvation

"beyond the profession of the Christian name, and our hearts
"united and enlarged to view the Spiritual nature and
"unchangeable character of Christ's Kingdom and Government
"while the eyes of many of our fellow-professors have been blinded
"by the God of this World, — it seems to have witnessed a good
"confession of the saints' faith, and maintained the form
"of sound words and sound doctrine, and to have done so
"in the Life, having been clothed with a degree of true zeal for
"the support of the ancient doctrines and testimonies of Truth,
"in opposition to such under our own name, as were disposed
"to lower the standard, and to let the Ark of the Lord's testimony
"and Covenant fall to the ground. But it is also indispensably
"necessary that we should know an abiding in the Vine of Life,
"under the drawing operations, and the needful baptisms of
"the Holy Spirit — that so, receiving daily a sufficient portion
"of bread from Heaven, we may witness a growth & advancement
"in the Truth, and our connection with him who declared
"himself to be the "Vine," being preserved, we shall be enabled to
"bring forth good fruit, and all our offering will pass through
"the fire of God's Altar, a sacrifice to his praise and honor,
"And thus, coming to be witnesses of a living and efficacious
"faith, which will enable us to overcome the world, and to
"obtain the victory through an humble, consistent walking in
"the Light, we shall have true fellowship one with another, and
"the love of God and of the Brethren will increase and abound
"amongst us — for they that dwell in Him, and in whom He
"dwells, dwell in Love, and his Divine Light shines round
"about them, and leads them safely along in the way of Life
"and Salvation.

"And in conclusion, Beloved Friends, we would affectionately
"entreat you, in the simplicity of Faith & obedience, to seek the
"direction of that Wisdom that cometh from above, to guide and
"govern you in your actions, and especially in those appertaining
"to the welfare of the Church of Christ, seeking continually that
"holy sense of discrimination which will infallibly enable to
"distinguish between that spirit which alone seeketh the righteousness
"of God, and the prosperity of the ever blessed Truth — and that
"spirit whose tendency is to lay waste his Heritage, and bring
"reproach upon that Holy cause, which, without either spot, or
"wrinkle, we are professedly endeavoring to promote"

Signed by direction, & on behalf of the meeting by

Isaac Mitchell } Clerks to the
Martha S. Gould } meeting this year

"Which having been read and solidly considered, is approved &

"and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf"

"Extracted from the Minutes, and signed by direction and
"on behalf of the Meeting 4th"

"Peleg Mitchell Clerk
"to the Meeting this year

Which is satisfactory to us, and the Clerk is directed to transmit such portion thereof as may be necessary to our Monthly Meetings and they are requested to forward their respective proportions of Sixty Dollars, the sum therein named as our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this meeting

Salem Monthly Meeting's proportion being 30 per cent is $ 18.00
Berwick Monthly Meetings proportion being 70 per cent is $ 42.00
as heretofore

Having closed the business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at Lynn, on the 4th & 5th day of the 10th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Valentine Meader.
Clerk

Tenth Month - 1852

Salem and Lynn Monthly Meetings held at Lynn, the 28th of 10th month 1852

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, the representatives, there named to this Meeting are:- from Salem Jonatha. Buxton William S. Chase and Daniel Read from Berwick William Hill, Relation Hussey and Isaac Lowell, the two of the first four one, for whose absence a satisfactory excuse has been given.

The Queries have been read & answered with the exception of one, viz: from our Monthly Meetings

[illegible] dear friend Thomas D. Scott, about the matter with which [illegible] Dear friend, we [illegible] Meeting of Friends held at Sing Sing the 30th of [illegible] 1852. Expressing the [illegible] Meeting, and expression of their unity with him in [illegible] concurring and sympathizing with us. [illegible] [illegible] and sincere love to us.

Our beloved friend Nathan Sag[illegible] in this meeting a prospect which has for a considerable time rested on his mind, of attending Nine Months Meetings in the State of Vermont, and of holding some meetings amongst those not in membership with Friends, with the unity of that meeting, and also in the State of New York, as way may open. Which concurred with, and he encouraged to pursue his prospect as best Wisdom may direct, he being a minister in unity with us. And the Clerk is directed to endorse this on the [illegible] to him & Some Monthly Meeting and Sign the same on our behalf.

[illegible] the [illegible] friend [illegible] in which the [illegible] of the matter [illegible] William Hall is [illegible] to that effect [illegible] with another appointment.

[illegible] the business at this time will [illegible] prospering to meet again at [illegible] usual time in the first month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Valentine Meader
Clerk

First Month 1853

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends of Illinois
held at Salem the 29th of 11th Month 1852

By the accounts received from the several Monthly
Meetings, the representatives named to this meeting
are - from Salem, Nathan Page and Lydia Page
Sarah Hall & Valentine Meader. from Stony Creek
Joseph Meader Nathan Hill and Isaac Lamb
who are all present.

The business for which this Quarterly Meeting
was appointed having been attended to, and no
further business coming before it, and no visiting
Friends with us, this meeting is adjourned
to meet at Salem on the 4th day of the week
preceding the 4th day of the week preceding
the 3rd month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Valentine Meader
Clk

Fifth Month. 1853

Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends. held at Salem. the 26th of 5th mo. 1853

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, the representatives thereon appointed to attend this meeting are — from Salem David Buffum. Nathan Page. Ja.s P. Boyce and Valentine Meader — from Berwick Joseph Meader, William Hill & Jinks Varney who are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time with the answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings. from which the following Summary has been prepared. which we believe to be nearly description of our present State, and they are accordingly directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6th month next. by our friends William Hill. Timothy Varney Nathan Page Geo. F. Read & Valentine Meader whom we appoint to attend said Meeting as our representatives

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Answer 1st All our meetings have been attended. those on first days by nearly all our members. Mid-week meetings and those for discipline. are too much neglected by a few. The poor nearly relieved by most. A few appearances of Slaping- Wear of plain becoming behaviour.

Answ 2d Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us and detraction guarded against. We know of no differences Amongst us.

Answ 3d Friends are generally careful to bring up their under their direction in training agreeably to the query. yet we fear there is too much remiss-ness on the part of some in this respect. They also endeavour to restrain them from reading pur-

-micious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and to be exemplary therein themselves. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in Friends' families.

Answer 4th Generally careful to attend to the several requisitions of this query.

Answer 5th Clear in the several particulars of this query, as far as appears.

Answer 6th Friends appear to be careful in these respects, with the exception of two instances of marrying out of the order of Society, and one case of keeping company with a person not in membership with us. All of which are under notice.

Answer 7th Clear, with the exception of a member occasionally attending meeting, under a Hireling Ministry, and Some care taken.

Answer 8th Friends, with one exception appear to be careful in the several particulars of this query.

Answer 9th Due care is taken with regard to Records. One case of removal from, and one of Friends coming amongst us without certificates, in both of which care has been taken

Answer 10th Care rests on the mind of Friends to deal with offenders agreeably to the query. yet we are sensible that more timely dealing in some instances would be better. Clear as to placing judgment.

One Treasurer is directed to pay one proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The clerk is authorized to make all necessary extracts from our records, and forward them in the accounts to the Yearly Meeting.

The following copy of a minute from Stanton Quarterly Meeting of Friends, on behalf of our friend Nathan Page, was received, and read at this time, and is satisfactory to us.

"Our Elemed Friend Nathan Page attended our last
"Quarterly Meeting, with a minute of concurrence from
"Salem Monthly Meeting, dated the 14th of 10th month 1852.
"endorsed by Salem & Lynn Quarterly Meeting, held at Lynn
"the 28th of the same month. He has since attended Stanton-
"borough Monthly Meeting, and all the particular meeting,
"within our limits, and appointed some amongst them not
"in membership with friends. in all which, his company has
"been acceptable, and his religious services satisfactory.
"The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of
"this minute, signed on behalf of this Meeting.
"Taken from the minutes of Stanstborough Quarterly
"Meeting of Friends, held at Stanstborough the 9th of 2 mo. 1853
"Amos Batty } Clerks
"Susannah Hoag }
"Ann Batty Correspondent"

Having closed the business at this time, we conclude
to meet again at North Berwick, at the usual
time in the 8th month next
Signed on behalf of the meeting
Valentine Meader Clerk

Eighth Month - 1853

Salem and Lynn Quarterly Meetings of Friends
held at North Berwick the 23rd of 8th month 1853

By the account received from Monthly Meetings,
the representatives were named to this meeting as
follows Nathan Page, David Sutton, Jonathan
Pearce and Valentine Meader from Salem Meeting
Aaron Varney, William Hall and Hiram Varney
who are all present

The Queries were read at this time, with the required Answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings.

The Friends appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting, as representatives, report they all attended.

The following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, now been received and read to our satisfaction, to wit,

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport in Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 12th of 6th month to the 16th of the same inclusive, 1853

Third day of the week and fourteenth of the month

The Committee appointed yesterday morning, to examine into the Treasurer's accounts, and to find a Treasurer, have made the following Report - which is united with, and Read

Fifthly, In accordance with the Minutes of this meeting for the ensuing year, at our Quarterly Meetings we request to forward to the respective Treasurers one hundred dollars the sum agreed upon, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the Minutes by

Salem New Quarterly Meeting } Peleg Whitehead
Separation being 20 Second mo } Clerk to the Yearly
Eighty Dollars. } Meeting

And our Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportion, of $80. the sum therein named, to the Treasurer of the Meeting. And the Clerk is directed to furnish these meetings respectively with a copy of the Minute. Salem Monthly Meeting's proportion is $8 Second and that of Pequick Monthly Meeting $6 Second mo 1854.

The beloved Friend Elizabeth Hall, laid before this Meeting a prospect which has for a considerable time rested on her mind, of attending this Yearly Meeting and, if way opened for it, some of the Meetings belonging thereto, which, after a time of prayerful deliberation therein was united with, and she left at liberty and encouraged to pursue her prospect as Best Wisdom may direct. She being a minister in unity

[illegible] and the Clerk is directed to endorse this upon the minute granted her by [illegible] Monthly Meeting held the 18th of 8th Month 1853, and sign the same on our behalf.

Our business being accomplished for this time we conclude, supposing to meet again at [illegible] at the usual time in the 10th month next

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Valentine Meader
Clerk

Tenth Month - 1853

Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn the 29th of 10th month 1853.

In the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are, from Salem Nathan Page, Jonathan Boyd, Levi Gove, and Valentine Meader from Berwick [illegible] Meader William Hill and Obadiah Hussey; who are all present but one.

Our attended friend Elizabeth Hill, having attended the meeting granted her in the 8th month last, informs that she has attended all the meetings which she had in prospect of attending, and that she was enabled to do so much to the peace of her own mind, and [illegible] that it was cast she had the encouragement and help of her friends, — which is very satisfactory to us

The Queries were read at this time, with the requisite answers thereto, received from our Monthly Meetings.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude adjourning to meet again at North Berwick, at the usual time in the First Month next

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Obadiah Hussey
Assistant Clerk

First Month, 1854

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Salem, the 6th of 1st Month, 1854

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings
it appears that the Meeting for Sufferings
John H. Cox and Daniel Cox, from Salem
Joseph Meader, Ezekiel Haines, Darius
Mickle are all dismissed.

It has pleased the Head of the Church more
frequently to remove by death from Salem
than any other of our Quarterly Meetings
that may be compared together, and we
have in Spring Valley Meeting Ezekiel Haines
and Ezekiel Haines Jr assistant Clerk, who
having offered their accustomed appointed
to the service respectively for upon or until
another appointment

Our beloved friend Chas Stratton attended this
meeting, and produced a copy of a minute
from Abington Monthly Meeting held the 8th of
11th month 1853, concurred by Horsham Quarterly
Meeting of Friends held in Sixth month the 9th of the
same month, both expressive of their unity
with his proposal of visiting Scandinavia &c.
He has also attended all the meetings appointed by
this Quarterly Meeting and has company and
Gospel labors been acceptable to us. And the
Clerk is directed to give him and a copy of
this minute and sign the same on our behalf.

The Queries have been read at this time and the
answers thereto received from our Monthly
Meetings

Our business being accomplished at this time
we concluded, & proposing to meet again at
Salem, at the usual time in the 5th month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Valentine Meader
Clerk

Fifth Month. 1854

Salem and Concord Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem, the 5th of 5th mo. 1854

By the Queries received from our Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named, to this Meeting, are Jonathan Jones & Joseph Nathan Page and Hannah Brady — John Rowick, William Hill, Timothy Varney, and Edward Bufton, who are all present

The Queries have been read at this time, with the answers thereto, received from our Monthly Meetings, from which the following extracts have been prepared, which we believe very nearly represent our present State and they are accordingly directed to be forwarded, to the Yearly Meeting, to be held in Rhode Island, in the Eighth mo. next, and we appoint our friends Nathan Page — William Hill — Josiah Hussey — William S. Otis — and Valentine Meader — to attend said meeting as our representatives

Answer 1st All our Meetings for religious Worship and Discipline have been attended by the greater part of our members. Midweek meetings are almost entirely neglected by a few in one Monthly Meeting, and some in another. We have not that we know of, any Friends who have separated from the exercising religious care in the intervals of Meetings, at times excepted

Answer 2 Love and unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us, and detraction guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge

Answer 3d Friends appear to be generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness and to restrain them from reading pernicious

books according to the query. We think are some exceptions in these respects reported from our Monthly Meeting — They are desirous to set an example, therein themselves. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in Friends families

Answer 4th. Friends are careful to attend to the several requisitions of this query, as far as appears.

Answer 5th. The several duties enjoined upon Friends by this query have been attended to, so far as circumstances seemed to require.

Answer 6th. Several marriages have taken place amongst us, (since the last report) which appear to have been accomplished with due attention to Gospel order. One case of marriage with a person not a member is reported.

Answer 7th. We know of no violation of our testimonies in these respects.

Answer 8th. Friends appear to be careful in these particulars with one exception, which is under notice.

Answer 9th. Nothing to report respecting. One of the instances of removal from amongst us without certificate.

Answer 10th. Care rests upon the minds of Friends to deal with offenders in a measure as required by the Discipline. Yet in some instances there has been delay in dealing in time by dealing. Judgment has been placed where it appeared necessary according to Gospel order.

Our Monthly Meeting Annually informed that they have directed their respective Overseers to join their respective Preparative Meeting Committees in the Meetings.

The following Extract from the minutes of Salem Monthly Meeting was received at this time viz.

"This meeting being informed, by the ye men "tioned that friends at Lynn had been deprived "of their usual place of meeting, the subject of "providing a house for their accommodation "and for the use of our Quarterly, Monthly "and Preparation Meetings when held at "Lynn, claimed the consideration of this "meeting. After a time of deliberation thereon "it was concluded to appoint a committee to "ascertain what means could be procured to "defray the cost of a meeting house, and "upon what terms it could be erected if upon which "be obtained. Said committee now report "that they have succeeded in obtaining only a "small proportion of the means necessary for "purchasing a lot and building a house "And therefore recommend that the whole "subject be referred to our next Quarterly Meeting "for it to take such assistance"

And after a time of deliberation thereon it is concluded to lay the subject before our next Yearly meeting, for such advice and assistance as they may deem necessary, and may may offer for. And our representatives are requested to furnish such information as may be required for a full understanding of the case.

The time for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed having expired, Obed Jewell William Hill is reappointed to that service for one year, or until another appointment and he is directed to pay $80. on presentation of Yearly meeting Stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting

The Clerk is authorized to make all necessary extracts from our Minutes. Sign them on our behalf and forward to our Yearly Meeting

Having closed the business for this time we conclude, by giving to meet again at North Berwick, at the usual time in the 8th month next

Signed on behalf of the meeting Cornelius Matthews

Eighth Month. — 1834

Salem and Cow Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at North Berwick the 24th & 8th month 1834

By the account received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives to this meeting named herein are. Jon. Salem Nathan Page Valentine Meader and James S Boyce & Jon. Berwick. Joseph Meader. Vin.t Varney and William Hill. who are all present.

The Queries have been read. together with the rejoined answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings

The representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received at this time and read to our satisfaction. they are as follows viz —— "At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for "New England. held at Newport in Rhode Island "by adjournments from the 11th of 6th month 1834 "to the 14th of the same inclusive"

"Third day of the week 13th of the month,"

"The Committee appointed to examine & settle the "Treasurers account and for the purposes, have "made the following report —— which was read "and approved, and Israel Buffington was accor- "dingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the "ensuing year, and a Special Quarterly Meeting "is directed to be held at this place for the "purpose of Three Hundred Dollars the sum "agreed upon. Salem & Cow Quarterly Meeting pro- "portion Nine Dollars 50 cents is Sixty Dollars"

"4th day of the week 14th of the Month"

The following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders. have been read and the subject thereof considered. the alteration of the

"time of holding Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting
"of Ministers and Elders, as proposed in aforesaid
"Epistle and the Women's Meeting

Extract

"Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and
"Elders having proposed for our consideration, that
"in future the said Meeting should commence
"on the second Seventh day in the afternoon of the day
"preceding that on which the Quarterly Meeting
"at large is held in the 8th month, and also in the
"10th month, instead of the 11th first day afternoon,
"and appointed William Hill to lay the proposition
"before the Yearly Meeting for its decision; this Meeting
"unites therewith, and the Clerk is directed to furnish
"him with a copy of this minute to be presented
"to the Yearly Meeting."

"Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly
"Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held at Newport
"the 10th of 6th month 1857."

"by Thomas B Gould Clerk"

"The committee appointed at our session, to
"consider the subject of extending the minute
"of 1852, have recommended to the Yearly
"Meeting the adoption of the following

"Or is the sense and judgment of this
"Meeting that so much of the minute adopted
"in the year 1852, as relates to removals, be
"extended, so as to benefit applied to such
"sound and consistent friends as may remove
"in any Monthly Meeting which is a branch
"of either Rhode Island, Salem & Dover, or
"Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, from within
"the limits of the Yearly Meeting, on their
"making application to such Monthly Meeting
"and producing such evidence of their right
"of membership, and the settlement of their
"outward affairs as is required in said
"minute — which having been read, was
"agreed — the Women's Yearly Meeting unites"

"Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly
"Meeting, and signed by direction and
"on behalf thereof" — by Seth Mitchell

"Clerk to the meeting this year"

And the Clerk is directed to transmit said

portion, there to be [illegible] Monthly Meeting, ...ings & measures for the information, together with a copy of this minute, and that Wm. ... are desired to join them in soliciting proposals of Philip Dotson's ... and named as one ... portion of Yearly Meeting Stock to be drawn ... this Meeting. Salem Monthly Meeting, ... portion being 30 per cent. and that of ... 70 per cent. as heretofore

Information having been received at this time, by an extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, that the proposition to change the time of holding Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Ministers & Elders, to the second Sixth in the afternoon in the 8th and also in the 10th months, had been approved by that body, the Clerk is directed to furnish the next Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute and sign the same on our behalf

Having closed the business of this time we conclude, to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the 10th month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Valentine Meader
Clerk

Tenth Month. 1854

Salem Lower Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 20th of 10th month, 1854

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives to this Meeting from Salem are from Salem Nathan Page, Elihu F. Clerk and Jonathan Page. From Second Joseph Meader. Timothy Varney and Pelatiah Hussey. All are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting, and the required answers thereto received from our several Monthly Meetings.

Our business being accomplished at this time we conclude, proposing to meet again at North Berwick, at the usual time in 1st month next

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Valentine Meader
Clerk

First Month - 1855

Salem Lower Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 25th of 1st mo 1855

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, the representatives to this meeting named therein are, from Salem Nathan Page, David Buffum, George F. Read and Valentine Meader. From Second Joseph Meader, Pelatiah Hussey and Timothy Varney, who are all present

The time for which the clerks now appointed having expired Nathan Page, on behalf of the representatives, informed that a part of their number had been together, and were united in proposing Valentine Meader for Clerk, and Pelatiah Hussey for assistant clerk.

whose names having been separately considered were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for one year, or until another appointment

The Queries were read, with the required answers thereto, received from our Monthly Meetings

Having no further business at this time we concluded, proposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the 5th month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Meader
Clerk

Fifth Month, 1800

Salem and Cape Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem the 24th of 5th month, 1800

[illegible] Salem, Geo. Peirce, Nathan Page, David Sutton, Henry B. Allen, Joseph Meader, Thos. Ogden, and Isaac Carney, who are all present,

The Queries were read in this meeting, and the answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings, from which the following Summary has been prepared which we believe very nearly represents our present condition, and they are directed [illegible] Yearly Meeting to be held in Rhode Island in the 6th month next, and we appoint our friends Nathan Page, Isaac Carney, Jonathan Allen, Joseph Meader & Thomas Allen to attend said meeting as our representatives

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Answer 1st. All our meetings [illegible] attended. Those on First-days [illegible] all our members. Mid-week meetings and those on Sixth-day not well attended to, as [illegible] can take the time [illegible] most, more of a mixed company & silence, a few instances of sleeping & kind [illegible].

Answer 2. Not [illegible] often to be [illegible] with in meeting, and [illegible] guarded against, the [illegible] are known amongst us.

Answer 3. It is [illegible] Friends [illegible] through the week [illegible] meeting in [illegible], according to the [illegible]. [illegible] them from reading [illegible] books, and from the corrupted [illegible] of the world, and to be [illegible] from these [illegible]. yet there is [illegible] faithfulness in some instances. The Holy Scriptures [illegible] among Friends [illegible].

Answer 4th. Friends [illegible] to be [illegible], to avoid the use of [illegible] words, and the [illegible] of [illegible] & customs, and the [illegible] of laws and [illegible] of public resort. Also to observe moderation on the Sexual occasions [illegible] &c.

Answer 5th. Clear in the several particulars of this query, so far as appears.

Answer 6th. Parents and heads of families mindful [illegible] early [illegible] with the [illegible] & [illegible]. that all their proceedings with respect to marriage [illegible] conformable to discipline. One instance of marriage with a person not a member is reported.

Answer 7th. Clear so far as appears, in the several parts of this query.

Answer 8th. We believe Friends are careful to inspect the [illegible] and settle their accounts, that they are [illegible] in their [illegible], pay in the [illegible] of their debts, & endeavor to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Answer 9th. Clear, except one instance of removal without a certificate.

Answer 10. We believe due care is taken to deal with offenders in a spirit of meekness and wisdom and without partiality. yet we are sensible, in some instances, of delay in timely dealing [illegible] proper attention to Gospel order &c.

Our Monthly Meetings inform that they have already directed their Treasurers to pay their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting

The time for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed having expired the aforesaid Local Business to that service for one year, or until another appointment, and he is directed to pay Sixty Dollars, our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

A proposition relative to a change in the time of holding this Quarterly Meeting, having been introduced for our consideration, and after weighing to the satisfaction of the Meeting that the present arrangement is attended with much inconvenience and considerable expense to divers Friends, after a time of solid deliberation thereon, and having the concurrence of the Yearly Quarterly Meeting, it is concluded to lay the subject before the next Yearly Meeting, with the request that if may Should appear for it, the time of holding our Quarterly Meeting at Salem may be changed from the 4th Fifth-day in the 5th month to the Fifth-day next preceding the 2d Fifth-day in the 6th month, at the usual hour, the Select Quarterly Meeting being held the day previous, at the second hour in the afternoon, as now practiced by consent of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary Extracts from our records, sign the same in our behalf, and forward to the next Yearly Meeting

Having closed the business for this time we Conclude by proposing to meet again at Newmarket, at the usual time in the 8th month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Meader

Clerk

[illegible] ing Extract from the minutes of the [illegible] were also received and read to our [illegible]
To wit

[illegible]

[illegible] from day to day by adjournments [illegible] 10th of 6th month to the 13th of the same [in]clusive 1855.

Third day of the week and 12th of the month

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, [co]nsider of a sum suitable for the meeting to raise [an]d to propose a friend for Treasurer, have made [t]he following report, [illegible] which was approved, [illegible] Treasurer for the ensuing year, and our several [Quarterly] Meetings are requested to forward to him [illegible] the sum agreed to be raised, and the Clerk was directed [to] furnish them with a copy of this minute.

(Salem & Con. Quarterly meeting [illegible] being [illegible] $ [illegible])

Fourth day of the week and 13th of the month

The meeting was deeply exercised under a painful sense of the many weaknesses and deficiencies existing within our borders and the truly living and rightly exercised members were brought to feel that there is much amongst us [that] calls for close searching of heart.

Powerful and living testimonies were [bor]ne to the necessity there is for some making profession with us, to arise and shake themselves, as from the dust of the earth, to watch even unto prayer that so they may be preserved from the many snares of the enemy with which we are continually surrounded and come more fully to realize the necessity of keeping a single eye unto Him who hath called us with an high and holy calling, and when as we look [illegible]

[illegible]

of the adversary, and finally as patience is about to make us more than conquerors through Him

[illegible]

that the mercies of the Lord have been extended unto us, — a people whom He [hath] designed for his praise and to exalt his

every thing that can pertain to
the Removal of the meeting, shall be
made to attend & support such
a one as good Order may direct to
that end is the Answer

From the Minutes, and Signed
and by direction of the Meeting, by
Peter Mott Clerk this year

And our Several Monthly Meetings are required
to
Send in our purchase Money, Minutes, &c.
the Treasurer of this Meeting. Salem Monthly
Meeting's proportion being 50 per cent and that
of Newark 70 per cent as heretofore. And the
Clerk is directed to forward these minutes
respectively with a Copy of this minute.

Our Business being finished for this time
We conclude, purposing to meet again at
[illegible]

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

[illegible]

Clerk

Ninth Month 1850

Salem and Upper Evesham Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Salem the 25th of 10th month 1850.

The Accounts required from the Several Meetings
belonging to this Meeting, agreeable to
Minute Stage Friends Yearly Meeting
[illegible]
were Read Examined — found Credible
& Some Have, with a little present.

[illegible] read in this Meeting with the
[illegible] as there received, found over
[illegible]

Mo. Mont. 1856.

5th Ninth and Fu
[illegible]
Orphans con
and instance of Marrying

6th. Friends appear to be careful to [illegible]
and Orphans and settle their accounts, to
Inhabitants to their promises, just in th
payment of their debts, and to live [illegible]

7th. Due care is taken with regard to
records. One instance of removal t
a Decade.

8th. Hard words upon our minds to de
with Offenders agreeably to the ou
Discipline and to passing judgm

By the account from Berwick Monthly M
[illegible]
Minutes, viz.

"reported the Case stands at the time of Sett
"a Committee Meeting this month, and
"concluded to remind the Quarterly Meeting
"change the time of holding the Monthly Me
"to the 4th Fifth day in the 5th month, inst
"of holding it on the 5th Fifth-day according t
"the present Arrangement, the Women's Mon
"Meeting Agreed,
"That the minds of the Meeting
Relation

Minutes contain

of the several yearly meetings in this Country, and
Canada to wit N. E. and the Western, and
our Monthly Meetings.

The following extracts from the minutes of our
last Yearly Meeting have been received and
read at this time, to wit,

"The Committee appointed last year to take
"into view the subject of a new apportionment of
"the Yearly Meetings,

"on behalf of the Committee

Israel Ruffinton

"Newport 6th mo 17th 1857

"which having been read and considered, was
"adopted by the meeting.

"The Committee appointed to examine and
"report the minutes and proceedings of other Yearly
"Meetings, have made the following report which
"was read and adopted, to wit, Israel Ruffinton
"is appointed to answer for the Yearly
"Meeting of Ohio and Indiana, and the Yearly Meetings
"of Genesee, Baltimore & Philadelphia
"Genesee, Iowa & Canada N.E. &c.

Extracted from the minutes, and signed
"on behalf and by direction of the meeting

Elias Hitchcock
Clerk this year

First Mo. 1856

Salem and Iowa Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem the 23d of 10th mo. 1856

By accounts received from our Monthly meeting the representatives to this meeting named that we from Salem Geo. Pud. Wm. B. Elson and Valentine Meader from Bonnet Grove Wm. Joseph Hadley and Isaac Hacker were held at Salem but one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

The Queries were read together with the requisite answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings

Having no further business at this time we conclude, subject to meet again at Salem Friends meeting house the first Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Valentine Meader
Clerk

First Month. 1857

Salem and Iowa Quarterly Meeting convened held at Salem Henry Co. Iowa the 22d of 1st mo. 1857

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives to this meeting named there as from Salem Geo. Pudd. Nathan Page Valentine Meader and James P. Bond from Bonnet Grove Joseph Hadley. Levi Elma. and Elijah Hussey, who were all present but one for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

The time for which the clerk was appointed having expired Nathan Page on behalf of the representatives informed that most of them had been together and were united in proposing Valentine Meader for Clerk and Elijah Hussey

for assistant Clerks. whose names having been separately considered were united with and they are accordingly appointed to those services, respectively, for one year. or until another appointment.

The Queries were read, with the requisite answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings.

Our Beloved friends Nathan Page, at this time returned the minute granted him in the 8th month last, with the information that he has been enabled to accomplish his visit to the peace and satisfaction of his own mind, but that owing to the divided state of the meetings which he attended. his minute was not read and no returning minutes were granted by them.

Having no further business at this time, we conclude. Giving notice to meet again at Salem. on Fifth day next preceding the second Sixth day in the 6th month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
by adjournment
Clerk

Sixth Month 1857

Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting held at Salem the 11th of 6th Month 1857

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings. the representatives to this meeting appointed are from Salem Nathan Page & James F. Page and Wm. D. Oliver. from Berwick Levi Bloom. Joseph Meader and Aaron Varney. who are all present.

Our Beloved friend David Thomas attended this meeting. in company with our beloved friend Jonathan Evans. and to [illegible] satisfaction. minute from Peru and Farnham Monthly Meeting dated the 2nd of 6th month 1857. [illegible]

Quarterly Meeting held at Lincoln the 6th of 2d Month 1857. Both by Expression & their Epistle with him in his sweet engagements among us, and informing that he is a Minister in unity with them. His company and Religious services have been acceptable and edifying to us.

We have also at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Thomas Knowles who has produced a satisfactory minute from Fair Oak Fairham Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Brandsale the 2d of 2th mo. 1857. concurred by Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting held at Lincoln the 6th of the same month, and informing that he is a Minister in unity, and also Expressive of their unity with his gospel & religious services amongst us. His company and Gospel labors have been to our Edification & Comfort.

The Queries have been read as they stand together with the answers thereto as contained in Rules of Discipline from which the annexed Summary has been prepared, as expressing very nearly the present state of this Meeting, and they are accordingly directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting to be held in Philadelphia, by our friends Nathan Hoge, Robertson Mendenhall, Jesse S. Olive, Aaron Varney & Bruce Reed whom we appoint to attend said Meeting as our Representatives.

Summary Answers.

First All our Meetings for Worship & Discipline have been attended with the exception of the first Month last in consequence of the absence of several members to attend other meetings. Five or Six days by nearly all our members have been appointed for humiliation and on the decease of the great continue to be observed by a suspension of business generally well observed. A deliberating harmonious conduct characterizes our meetings for discipline & in a few instances excepted.

Answer 2d Are duly attended to, and maintained and [illegible]

Answer 3d [illegible] to be diligent in their [illegible] in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, and to restrain them from reading [illegible] books, and from the company of the evil, yet in some instances their labors have not been attended with the desired result, and we fear some have been too remiss in these particulars, though frequently exercising themselves therein, both in meetings and in families

Answer 4th We believe that things are conducted in the necessary relief of the poor, and [illegible] to.

Answer 5th We have none amongst us whose circumstances appear to require the attention of others in addition to the particulars of the above

Answer 6th Plain language is generally used in meeting and in families, and we endeavour to be careful in these respects. One instance of swearing has appeared.

Answer 7th We know of no violation of the testimony in any of these particulars.

Answer 8th Friends appear to be careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts. We think they are careful to bring forward and [illegible] in the support of their rights, and rarely cause trouble with the world in these circumstances

Answer 9th Marriages, births, deaths and burials are duly recorded. One case of removal from amongst us without a certificate.

At a 10th Can meet in the month of Friends, regulated to deal with Offenders in the Spirit and manner prescribed by the discipline. yet we find to our grief much weakness and some appearance of delay in dealing, arising out of the present state of society, and the Hesitation of Friends, in undertaking the Service of closing judgmental accounts.

The Monthly Meetings generally inform that they have directed their respective Treasurers to forward their Quarterly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting

The time having expired for which the Treasurer of this meeting was appointed, and our friend Geo. F. Keith having been proposed for that service the proposition was united with, and he accordingly appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year, or until another appointment, and he is directed to forward the Quarterly meeting Stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friends David & Howard and Jemima Knowles with copies of the minutes made on their behalf, and sign the same on behalf of the Meeting, in connection with the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is also directed to make all necessary returns from the minutes of this meeting, signed by order of the meeting, and forward to the next Yearly Meeting.

Having no further business at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at Eight Square oak, at the usual time & place.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Thos. L. Moore

Clerk

Eighth Month. 1857

Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 27th of 8th month 1857

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting named therein are from Salem. Nathan Page, James S. Boyce and Valentine Meader. Sth. Berwick Jere Hanson Abial G. Nussey and Aaron Varney, who are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th received from our Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended.

We have received at this time the following Extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting viz

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport on R. Island by adjournments from the 12th of the 6th month to the 17th of the same inclusive. 1857

"Third day of the week and 16th of the month

"The Committee appointed yesterday morning to examine and settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes have made the following report.—Which having been considered was approved, and Israel Buffington accordingly appointed treasurer for the year ensuing or until another appointment. And our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of Three Hundred Dollars the amount proposed to be raised. and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

"Extracted from the minutes and Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting by

Silas Mitchell Clerk this year

Which is satisfactory to us, and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to the treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportions of Forty five Dollars the sum named. Salem Monthly Meetings proportion being 30 per cent & that of Berwick 70 per cent as heretofore.

and the Clerk is directed to furnish those Meetings respectively with a copy of this minute

Our beloved friend Nathan Page laid before this meeting a prospect which has for a considerable time rested with weight upon his mind, of attending Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends, next to be held at Nottingham, and also of attending some meetings and appointing some among Friends and others within the limits of Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York Yearly Meetings, as way may open for it, as expressed in the minute granted him by Salem Monthly Meeting, held at Lynn the 13th of the present month. His prospect, after a time of solid deliberation, was united with, both by this and our Women's Quarterly Meeting, and he left at liberty to accomplish the same, as best Wisdom may direct, he being a minister with whom we have unity. And the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute, and sign the same on our behalf, in conjunction with the Clerk of the Women's Meeting

Having no further business to conclude from - proposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the 10th month next,

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk

Tenth Month — 1857

Salem & Lynn Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn, the 22d of 10th month, 1857

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives to this meeting named therein, are from Salem, Geo. F. Read, David Buffum and Wm. B. Cline, from Berwick, Joseph Meader, Abel G. Nussey and Edward Buffum, who are all present,

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers received from our several Monthly Meetings

Having no further business at this time we conclude. Purposing to meet again at North Berwick at the usual time in the First Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Mader Clerk

First Month - 1858.

At Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 28th of 1st month 1858.

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are. From Salem Nathan Page George F. Rudd ~~and~~ Valentine Mader and David Buffum. From Berwick Levi Gove Aaron Varney and Pelatiah Hussey who are all present.

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired Nathan Page on behalf of the Representatives informed that nearly all of them had conferred together and were united in proposing Valentine Mader for clerk and Pelatiah Hussey for assistant clerk, whose names having been separately considered, the proposition was approved. And they were accordingly appointed to those services respectively for one year or until another appointment

The Queries were read at this time with the required answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings

Our beloved friend Nathan Page has at this time returned the minute made on his behalf in the 8th month last, with the information that he has been enabled through unmerited Mercy to accomplish the visit then in prospect. Much to the peace and satisfaction of his own mind.

He has also forwarded extracts from the minutes of Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Nottingham. By adjournments from the 19th of the

Tenth Month to the 21st of the same — from the minutes of Scipio Quarterly Meeting held at Hector New York the 30th of 9th month, — and from Farmington Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset, Niagara County New York the 7th of 10th month, 1857. Said of which are satisfactory to us.

Having no further business at this time, we conclude, proposing to meet again at Salem, on Fifth day, next preceding the 2d Sixth-day in the 6th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Valentine Meader, Clerk

Sixth Month — 1858.

At Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem the 10th of 6th month, 1858

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives to this meeting named therein are, from Salem, Jno. & Rud. David Buffum, James P. Boyce and William B. Oliver. from Berwick Isaac Varney, Timothy Varney and Joseph Meader who were all present but one.

Our beloved friend Mead Attwater attended this meeting and has produced a copy of a minute from Hartland Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Hartland Niagara County, New York the 17th of 3d month 1858. endorsed by Farmington Quarterly Meeting held at Hartland the 21st of the 4th month following the first informing that he is a minister, and both expressive of their unity with him in his proposed religious visit amongst us. His company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign the same on our behalf in conjunction with the Clerk of the Women's Quarterly Meeting

We have also at this meeting the acceptable company of our friend Joshua Haight, companion to Mead Attwater, with a satisfactory minute

from Hartland Monthly Meting. held at Hartland the 14th of 4th month 1858. informing that he is a member of that Meting in good esteem, and that he has the unity therof in his present engagement. His company has been acceptable and his deportment satisfactory to us. and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign the same on our behalf.

The Queries have been read in this meting together with the answers thereto received from our several Monthly Metings. from which the following Summary has been prepared which we believe very nearly represents the present State of the Meting. and they are accordingly directed to be forwarded to the approaching Yearly Meting to be held on Rhode Island. by our Friends Nathan Page. Timothy Varney - Geo E Rud and Valentine Mather whom we appoint to attend said Meting as our representatives.

Summary Answers.

First. All our Metings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been attended, and usually by many all our members who are able. A few Friends are too negligent herein. The hour is well observed with few exceptions. Clear of unbecoming behaviour when met some appearances of sleeping excepted.

Seconds. Love and Unity have been generally maintained amongst us and Detraction generally guarded against. We have no differences to notice

Third. Most Friends appear desirous to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt Conversation. yet there are evidences amongst us of too much remissness in these respects. Friends are mostly exemplary herein themselves. We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families

Answer 4th We believe Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine. also the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort and to

Kep in trim moderation and temperance on the several occasions referred to.

Fifth. We have non amongst us who appear to require the care of Friends in either of the particulars of this query.

Sixth. Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried appear to be mostly careful in these respects. One instance of marrying out of the order of society is reported.

Seventh. We know of no violation of our testimonies in either of these particulars.

Eighth. We think Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ninth. There is some neglect with regard to Records, also one instance of removal without a certificate.

Tenth. Friends are desirous to deal with offenders in accordance with the query, but are sensible of some neglect in this respect. No cause of complaint as to placing Judgment.

Our Monthly Meetings severally inform that they have directed their respective Treasurers to forward their proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting

The time for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed having expired, and our Friend George S Read, having been again proposed for that service, the proposition was united with, and he is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for One Year, or until another appointment, and he is directed to forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this Meeting, sign them on our

behalf and forward them to our next Yearly Meeting.

Having no further business at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at North Berwick at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Meader, Clerk

Eighth Month, 1858

At Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 26th of 8th month. 1858

Reports have been received from our Monthly Meetings. by which it appears that the following Friends have been named therein as representatives to this Meeting viz. From Salem David Buffum, Nathan Page, Samuel T. Boyce and Valentine Meader. From Berwick Levi Gow, Isaac Varney and Joseph Meader. Who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting together with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th Queries from our Monthly Meetings.

The recommendations of the Queries to attend our next Yearly Meeting is approved by all attended.

The following Extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting has been received and read at this time & on consideration

3.

Our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 13th of the 6th month to the 16th of the same inclusive 1858.- 3d day of the week & 14th of the month.

The Committee appointed yesterday Morning to examine, and settle the Treasurers account. Produced a Suitable sum for the Meeting to raise, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer. Have presented their report — which was satisfactory and Israel Buffington was accordingly appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, or until another appointment, and

over Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of Two Hundred Dollars, the sum agreed to be raised, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

Extracted from the Minutes & Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting by

Peter Mitchell
Clerk this Year

Salem and Doon to each Meetings proportion being 15 per cent is Thirty Dollars.

And on Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to the Treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportions of Thirty Dollars the sum Fixed upon as our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock. Salem Quarterly Meetings proportion being 30 per cent, and that of Pownall 70 per cent to be forthcoming, and the Clerk is directed to furnish these Meetings respectively with a copy of this Minute

The beloved Friend Nathan Page laid before this Meeting a prospect which for several months rested on his mind, of paying a Religious visit to Friends and also of appointing some Meetings among Friends and others within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, as set forth in a Minute granted him by Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Penn the 12th of the present month. — This prospect, after a time of deliberation thereon, was united with both by this and our Women's Quarterly Meeting. And a Minister with whom we have unity. He was accordingly left at liberty to accomplish his visit as Truth may open it to him and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute and Sign the same on our behalf in conjunction with the Clerk of the Women's Meeting

Having closed the business for this time we conclude [illegible] to meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the 10th month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk

Tenth Month. 1858.

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends. Held at Lynn the 28th of 10th Month. 1858.

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings. it appears that the following friends have been named Ovseers, as appertaining to this Meeting, viz. Nim Salen, Jesse H Peck, Valentine Meader and William J. Otis. from Berwick Timothy Varney. Hugh Meader and Isaac Varney, who are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers received from our Monthly Meetings.

Having no further business at this time we conclude. proposing to meet again at North Berwick at the usual time in the 1st month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Valentine Meader

First Month. 1859.

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 29th of 1st Mo. 1859.

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings. it appears that the following named Friends were named there to attend this Meeting viz. Nim Salen, Nathan Page, David Hilton and Jesse Peck, from Lynn Joseph Meader. Kennebunk and Portland Meetings were all present.

The time having arrived for which the Meeting was adjourned, Nathan Page on behalf of the Representatives informed that they had been together and concluded to appoint Valentine Meader Clerk and Portland Meeting House for Quarterly Meeting. And the Queries having been attended to and answered by Representatives appointed with the following appointments to fill the several stations respectively, for one year and until others be appointed

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting
held adjourns to the 2nd and 3rd months
[illegible] Meetings.

[illegible] Friend [illegible] Page having at
this time returned the minute granted him
by the 8th Month last, and informs that he has
been enabled through mercy to accom-
plish the visit then in prospect, much to the
peace and satisfaction of his own mind
He has also produced satisfactory returning
minutes from Pownal Quarterly Meeting
held at Lincoln the 16th of 11th Month 1859
from Salem Monthly Meeting held the 1st of 12th
Month and from Salem Monthly Meeting held
the 3rd of 12th Month 1858, all expressive of Unity
with him in his Gospel labors amongst
them.

Having no further business to conclude
this sitting to meet again at Salem at the
appointed time in the 6th Month next
Signed by Order of the Meeting
Valentine Meader Clerk

Sixth Month. 1859.

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Salem the 4th of 6th mo. 1859.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings
the representatives would report to attend this
Meeting are from Salem Elias Pike and
Pliny Peace and Nathan Page. From Dover
Levi Gove. Joseph Meader and Stanley Young
who are all present but one.

The Queries were read at this time, together
with the answers that were returned from our Monthly
Meetings, from which the following Minutes
have been framed, which on being duly
weighed and considered, and it is according
united with is ordered to be recorded in this
Meeting's Book and to be forwarded to our
Yearly Meeting to be held in Newport
to Show made Nathan Page & Elias

and George T. Reed. whom we appoint to attend said Q. M. big as our representatives

Summary Answers.

First. All our Meetings for religious Worship & discipline have been attended, and generally by nearly all our Members who are able to attend, tho' a few are very remiss herein. The Law is duly read at=tended, and most Friends are Restrained from Swearing. No other shocking Vices noticed.

Second. Love and Unity are generally maintained, tho' not so fully as could be wish'd in one or two Instances in our Mo. Meeting. Detraction & Jealousy & Envy are discouraged against, when Differences have arisen endeavors have been used to reconcile them.

Third. We think most Friends feel an earnest Solicitude to bring up their Children in the Truths of Friends, to whom we endeavour to recommend frequent reading, and the diligent Consideration of the Truth, yet we fear their efforts have in too many Instances been unsuccessful. They are for the most part sober examples before them themselves. We think the Holy Scriptures frequently read in their families.

Fourth. We think Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous Liquors, except for Medicinal purposes. We know of no case of frequenting Taverns or other Places of public resort unnecessarily. Modera=tion and Temperance appear to be maintained on the Several occasions referred to.

Fifth. Friends are careful in the several particulars of this Query.

Sixth. Parents and Heads of families, and the young and unmarried appear to be careful in these respects.

Seventh. We know of no violation of our Testimony in either of the particulars referred to in this Query.

Eighth. It is the judgment of this meeting that Friends ought to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts with one another, & pay one another as far as they are found to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ninth. One case is taken with regard to records one instance of removal without a certificate is reported, the friend not residing within the limits of a meeting where a certificate could be received.

Tenth. The Quarterly Meetings are desired to deal with offenders according to the gospel, for in some instances we are sensible of great matters and too much delay therein. No cause of complaint as to placing judgment.

Our Yearly Meeting is also informed that it has been directed that proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock to be paid to the Treasurer of this meeting.

The time having expired for which the Treasurer of this meeting now at Little Egg Harbor Paul Cox was appointed it was agreed to continue him until another appointment, and he is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from our records, sign them on our behalf, and forward them to the approaching Yearly Meeting.

Having no further business at this time we conclude. Our next to be held at Little Egg Harbor at the usual time in the 8th Mo. next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
by adjournment
William Meader Clerk.

Eighth Month. 1859.

At Salem and Penn Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 25th of 8th month 1859.

The accounts received from our Monthly Meetings. The representatives to this meeting were from Salem Geo. Pond. Nathan Carr and David Bufum, from Berwick Joel Gow. Joseph Meader and Wm Varney were also present

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers to the 1st. 2nd and 10th. received from our Monthly Meeting,

The representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended but one, for whose non attendance a Satisfactory Reason has been assigned.

Having no further business at this time we conclude, by leaving to meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the 10th month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Valentine Meader. Clerk

Tenth Month. 1859.

At Salem and Penn Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn the 27th of 10th Month. 1859.

The accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, the representatives appointed to attend this meeting were from Salem Nathan Carr Valentine Meader and Wm S. Colcord. from Berwick Joel Gow and Joseph Meader were also present,

The Queries were read, together with answers to the 1st. 2d and 10th received from our Monthly Meetings,

The business being accomplished at this time we conclude by leaving to meet again at North Berwick at the usual time in the 1st month next

Signed on behalf of the meeting Valentine Meader Clerk

First Month. 1860.

At Salem a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at York Berwick the 26th of 1st Mo. 1860.

Accounts have been received at this time from our Monthly Meetings from which it appears that the following friends were named thereon as representatives to this Meeting viz. from Salem Nathan Page, David Burham and Valentine Meader, from Berwick Aaron Varney. Wm Hill, and Timothy Varney. who are all present but one.

The term having expired for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this meeting were appointed, Nathan Page on behalf of the representatives informed that most of them had been together and were united in proposing Valentine Meader for Clerk and Phebe H. Cossum for Assistant Clerk. whose name having been separately considered, the proposition was united with, and they are accordingly appointed to their services respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting together with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th received from our Monthly Meeting.

Having no further business at this time to conclude. Purposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the 6th month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Valentine Meader Clerk

Sixth Month. 1860

At Salem a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem the 7th of 6th month 1860.

By the accounts at this time received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following friends were named therein as representatives to this Meeting viz. from Salem Nathan Page, George F. Read and

William D. Chace, Son Dennick Joseph Meader Son Gov and Timothy Davis, who are all present but one.

The Queries for the year at this time together with the answers received from our Several Monthly Meetings, from which the following Summary has been prepared, which on which my Minds represents the present condition of this Meeting, It is accordingly directed to be transcribed to our approaching Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island, by our Friends Nathan Page, William Hill, Geo. S. Rud, Timothy Davis and Calvin Meader whom we have appointed to attend said Meeting as our representatives

Summary Answers

First, Attendance of Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been attended through by a few but are too much neglected, The Love is sometimes observed by most, Care of Children, Training except a few instances of Sleeping.

Second, Love and Unity are mostly maintained & Contentions guarded against, When differences have arisen, endeavours have been used to end them.

Third, Friends generally concur & are to bring up those under their direction in plainness of Speech Behaviour and Apparel, to restrain them from promiscuous reading, and from corrupt conversation, yet we think more care in these respects is necessary, They appear to be exemplary towards Children, and in their Families the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families

Fourth, Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for Medicinal purposes, They do not unnecessarily frequent Taverns or other places of public resort, and their moderation and temperance appears to be observed on the several occasions referred to.

Answ

Fifth. The circumstances of the poor are attended to. The children of all our members freely partake of learning. None have been placed out from among Friends

Sixth. First and Each Families are as far as in them lies careful that all proceedings with a view to marriage may be orderly & conformable to discipline. But among the young and unmarried we fear too little attention is paid thereto. None have married out since our last report.

Seventh. We believe Friends are careful to maintain a faithful testimony against the several practices referred to in this query.

Eighth. There are a few instances of neglect in timely settling accounts. Friends are mostly exercised in the payment of their debts, and careful in the other parts of this Query

Ninth. Due attention is paid to recording. None have removed from or come amongst us without certificates.

Tenth. When cases of disorder arise friends are careful to deal with offenders in a Spirit of Meekness and wisdom. yet we feel that weakness and consequent delay in timely dealing are in some cases apparent amongst us. Judgment Can be placed agreeably to Discipline.

Our beloved friend Caleb Pegg attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a minute from Linn Monthly Meeting held the 20th of 4th month, and also a copy of a minute from Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Pella, Iowa, the 21st of the same month 1860. both informing that he is a minister in unity with them, and expressive of unity with his prospect of religious service amongst us. His company and Gospel labors were acceptable and edifying to us.

We have also at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Thomas Lambourn, with a copy of a minute from Nottingham and Little Britian Monthly Meeting held the 11th of 5th month, and one from Nottingham Quarterly Meeting held at Little Britian, Lancaster County Pennsylvania, the 18th of 5th month 1860, both informing that he is a Minister and expressing unity with his prospect of religious service amongst us. His company, and Gospel labors have been acceptable, and edifying.

Our beloved friend Narcissa B. Coffin also attended this meeting, with a satisfactory minute from Nantucket Monthly Meeting held the 31st of 5th month 1860. Her company and Gospel labors have been to our comfort and edification.

The Clerk is directed to furnish the friends who are with us with minutes from other meetings, with copies of the minutes made on their behalf, respectively, and sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

The time having expired for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed Geo. B. Reed is appointed to that service for the year ensuing, or until another appointment.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from our Records, sign the same on our behalf, and forward them to our next Yearly Meeting.

Our business being accomplished for this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at North Berwick at the usual time in the 5th Month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk

8th month 1860

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends. held at North Berwick the 23d of 8th month 1860

By the Accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been named therein as representatives to this Meeting viz. from Salem Nathan Page George F. Read and Valentine Meader. from Berwick, William Hill Edward Buffum and Levi Gove. who are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time, with Answers to the 1st 2d and 10th received from each of our Monthly Meetings

The Friends appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting as representatives inform that they have attended.

Having no further business at this time we conclude. Jumposing to meet again at Dover, at the usual time in the 10th month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk

Tenth Month. 1860

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Dover this 4th of 10th Month 1860.

Accounts have been received from our Monthly Meetings. by which it appears that the following Friends have been named therein as representatives to this Meeting. viz. from Salem. Nathan Page. James F. Hoyt and David Buffum. from Berwick Joseph Meader and William Hill. who are all present

The Queries were read. together with Answers to the 1st 2d and 10th received from our Monthly Meetings.

Our business for this time being accomplished, we conclude by proposing to meet again at North Berwick at the usual time in the first Month next

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk

First-Month 1861

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 24th of 1st month 1861

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends, have been named there as representatives to attend this meeting viz. From Salem Nathan Page, David Dustin and Valentine Meader. From Berwick. Joseph Meader, William Hill & Jedediah Hussey, who are all present.

The [illegible] of this meeting was opened. Having referred Nathan Page on behalf of the representatives informed that some of them had met together and had concluded to propose Valentine Meader for Clerk and Jedediah Hussey for assistant Clerk. Whose names having been separately considered were united with, and they appointed to those services respectively for one year or until another appointment.

Our beloved Friend Narcissa B. Coffin attended this meeting, and produced a copy of a minute from Nantucket Monthly Meeting held the 8th of 12th month 1860 informing that she is a Minister in unity and also expressive of their unity with the exercise of her gift in Gospel Service among us. Her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

The Queries were read together with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th received from our Monthly Meetings.

Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the 6th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Valentine Meader Clk

Sixth Month 1861

At a Salem and Lower Preparative Meeting of Friends held at Salem the 13th of 6th month. 1861

In the Accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends are named therein as representatives to this Meeting viz. from Salem. Allen Page, David Buffum and William Allen; from Bowick William Hill and Levi Gove. who are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time, with the Answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings, from which, the following Summary has been prepared, which we think very nearly descriptive of the present State of this Meeting. It is accordingly directed to be forwarded to our approaching Yearly Meeting. by our Friend, Valentine Meader. - Nathan Page, William Hill & George B. Reed whom we have appointed to attend the same as our representatives

Summary.

Answer 1st. All our meetings for Divine Worship and discipline have been attended. tho' by a few of our members they are too much neglected. The hour is well observed by most. Clear of unbecoming behaviour when met. some appearances of sleeping at times noticed.

Answer 2. Love and Unity appear to be in good degree maintained. tho' in some they are to some extent wanting in a few instances. Detraction is guarded against as far as appears No differences have come to our knowledge

Answer 3d. Friends appear to be generally diligent to bring up their children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel. to refrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. yet, among the young, many deficiencies are apparent, especially in reference to plainness. Friends are generally good examples to their families and we think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most of their families.

Friends 4th. Care in the several parts of this Query as far as appears.

Answer 5th We have none amongst us at present who appear to be in need of assistance. Our Children freely partake of learning, and none have been placed out from among Friends.

Answer 6th Parents and Heads of Families appear to be careful in these respects, but among the young and unmarried we fear too little importance is attached thereto, and one instance of marrying contrary to the order of society is reported.

Answer 7th We believe Friends are careful to maintain our testimonies in relation to the several parts of this query.

Answer 8th Friends appear to be careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises, and in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Answer 9th Due attention is paid to recording. None have removed from, or come amongst us without Certificates.

Answer 10th A good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders according to the query, yet not without delay in some instances. Judgment has been placed when necessary according to discipline.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our beloved friend Hannah B. Coffin with a copy of the minute made on her behalf, at our last meeting, and sign the same on our behalf.

The time having expired for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed, Grace P. Reed is reappointed to the service for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the records of this meeting, sign them on our behalf and forward to our approaching Yearly Meeting.

Having no further business at this time we conclude Proposing to meet again at North Berwick at the usual time in the 8th Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Valentine M. Eades Clerk

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at North Berwick the 22 of 8th month 1861

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends were named therein, as representatives to this Meeting, namely, From Salem Nathan Page Daniel Buffum and George F. Read; from Berwick Joseph Meader, William Hill and Levi Gove, who are all present but two, for whose absence Satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries were read at this time, with the revised answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings.

The Friends appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting as representatives, inform that they all attended.

Having no further business at this time, we Conclude, Jointly to meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the 10th month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Valentine Meader Clk

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn the 24th of 10th month 1861.

No accounts have been received at this time from Salem Monthly Meeting, the clerk thereof having inadvertently failed to furnish them in the usual course.

By accounts received from Berwick Monthly Meeting, the representatives to this meeting named therein are William Hill and Levi Gove, who are both present.

The Queries have been read at this time, with the received answers thereto, received from the

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Berwick Monthly Meeting

Having no further business at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at North Berwick, at the usual time in the 1st mo. next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at North Berwick the 23d of 1st Month 1862.

Accounts have been received from our Monthly Meetings, by which it appears that the following Friends have been named therein as representatives to this meeting, namely. From Salem Nathan Page, David Buffum and Valentine Meader. From Berwick, Wm Hill, Albert G. Hussey and Joseph Meader; who are all present.

The time for which the Clerks and assistant Clerk of this Meeting were appointed, having expired William Hill, on behalf of the Representatives informed that most of them had been together and were united in proposing Valentine Meader for Clerk and Pilatiah Hussey for Assistant Clerk, which was united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the year ensuing, or until another appointment.

The Queries were read in this meeting together with the answers to the First, Second and Tenth, received from our Monthly Meetings.

Our business for this time being finished we conclude, purposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the Sixth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem the 12th of 6th month 1862

By the Accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting named therein are, from Salem Nathan Page, Wm B. Allen and James T. Boyce from Berwick, William Hill, Joseph Meader and Levi Goor, who are all present but one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, together with the answers thereto received from our Monthly Meetings, from which the following Summary has been prepared, which is nearly descriptive of our present State and it is accordingly directed to be forwarded to our approaching Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island by our Friends, Nathan Page, Columbia Meader, George F. Read and William Hill whom we have appointed as our representatives thereto.

Summary Answers

First. All our Meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been attended, and generally by such of our members as were able, though too much neglected by a few. The hour is well observed by most. But a few are at time, deficient herein. Friends, are mostly preserved from sleeping when met. Of other unbecoming behaviour clear.

Second. Love and Unity appear to be fervently well maintained, and detraction guarded against No differences have appeared amongst us.

Third. Most Friends manifest a care to bring up those under their direction in plainness of Speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, yet they are not always successful herein. They are for the most part good examples in these respect themselves. We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families

Fourth. Friends appear to be careful to avoid the use of Spirituous Liquors except for medicine, and the Frequenting of Tavern and other Places of Public resort. Temperation and temperance appear to be observed on the several occasions referred to.

Fifth. Clear in these respects, as far as appears.

Sixth. Parents and Heads of Families are generally careful in these particulars, but among the young too little importance appears to be attached thereto.

Seventh. Friends are careful as far as appears to maintain our testimonies in the several parts of this query.

Eighth. As far as is known Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their Promises, just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ninth. Due care is taken with regard to marriage. None have removed from, or come amongst us without certificates.

Tenth. Care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders consistently with the query. No cause of complaint as to passing judgment.

The time having expired for which the Treasurer of this meeting was appointed, we appoint our friend David Buffum, to that service for the ensuing year, or until another appointment

Our Women's Quarterly Meeting inform that they have united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah M. Hill to the Station of an Elder, but after a time of mighty consideration the way not appearing open for this Meeting to take any action thereon at this time, it is concluded to refer the subject to our next Quarterly Meeting.

We are also informed by our Women's Quarterly Meeting that they have united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary M. Gove to the Station of an Elder.

which, after a time of solid delibration is united with and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Select Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute

The Clerk is authorized to make all necessary extract, from our Records, Sign them on our behalf and Forward to our next Yearly Meeting.

Having closed the business for this time we conclude proposing to meet again at North Berwick at the usual time in the Eighth month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Valentine Meader Clerk

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 28th of 8th month 1862

Accounts have been received from our Monthly Meetings. From which it appears that the following Friends have been named therein as representatives to this Meeting. Namely. from Salem Nathan Page George F. Read and Valentine Meader. from Berwick Aaron Varney. William Hill and Joseph Meader. who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting. with the requisite answers thereto. received from our Monthly Meetings

The Friends appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting as representatives inform that they all attended.

Our Womens Quarterly Meeting having informed this Meeting in the Sixth Month last. that they had united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah M. Hill to the Station of an Elder. and way not appearing open at that time for any action thereon. the subject has again been brought before us at this time and claimed our delibrate consideration. and the minds of some Friends appearing to be straightened in regard to the right calling and qualification of the Friend proposed. for the Station. it is at this time concluded to return the subject to Berwick Monthly Meeting. and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Having closed the busines at this time we conclude. Purposing to mit again at Lynn. at the usual time in the 10th month next.

Signd on behalf of the muting

Valentin Meader. Clerk

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Muting of Friends held at Lynn the 23d of 10th month. 1862.

By the accounts received from our Monthly Mutings it appears that the following Friends were named therein as representatives to this muting, Namely. From Salem Nathan Page. William B. Oliver and George F. Read. from Berwick William Hill Joseph Meader and Edward Buffum. who are all present.

The Queries were read in this Muting. with answers to the first. Second and tenth. received from our Monthly Mutings.

Having no further busines at this time we conclude. Purposing to mit again at North Berwick at the usual time in the 1st month next

Signd on behalf of the Muting

Valentin Meader Clerk

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Muting of Friends held at North Berwick the 22d of 1st Month. 1863.

By accounts received from our Monthly Mutings. it appears that the following Friends were named therein as representatives to this Muting. namely. from Salem. Nathan Page. David Buffum. Geo F Read and Valentin Meader. from Berwick William Hill Joseph Meader and Levi Gove. who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this Muting were appointed having expired. Nathan Page on behalf of the representatives informed that they had consulted together and were united in proposing Valentine Meader for Clerk and Pelatiah Hussey for assistant Clerk whose names having been separately considered. the proposition was united with. and they are accordingly appointed to those Services respectively for one year or until another appointment.

The Queries were read, together with answers to the first, Second and tenth, received from our Monthly Meetings

Having no further business at this time we conclude, proposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the Sixth month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Valentine Meader. Clerk

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem the 11th of 6th month 1863.

Accounts have been received from our Monthly Meetings, by which it appears that the following Friends, have been named therein as representatives to this Meeting namely, from Salem: Nathan Page, George F Read and William B. Oliver: from Berwick William Hill and Levi Gove, who are all present,

The Queries were read in this Meeting, together with the answers thereto, received from our Monthly Meetings and the following Summary having been prepared and approved as very nearly embracing the substance of the answers received, it is directed to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island by our Friends, William Hill, Levi Gove, Nathan Page Valentine Meader and George F Read whom we appoint our representatives thereto.

Summary Answers.

First. Our Meetings for religious Worship and Discipline have all been attended and usually by most of our Members when health would permit, though a few appear to be negligent herein. The time is generally justly well observed. With the exception of a few appearances of Sleeping no unbecoming behaviour is reported.

Second Love and Unity are we think, in good degree maintained by most Friends, yet in a few instances they are evidently too much wanting. Detraction appears to be guarded against. No differences have appeared amongst us.

Third A general care is manifested by most of our Members to bring up those under their direction in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel, to restrain them

from reading pernicious publications. and from corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary therin themselves. but amongst the young too many exceptions are apparent. We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends families

Fourth. Friends appear to be careful in these several respects.

Fifth. We have no poor amongst us who appear likely to need assistance. and we know of no friendless children who do not partake of learning, or who have been placed out from among Friends.

Sixth. Parent, and Heads of families appear to be mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. The young and unmarried not so careful as would be best.

Seventh. Clear in these several respects, as far as appears.

Eighth. Friends are as far as is known careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ninth Careful as to records. One case of removal without a certificate is reported.

Tenth Some care has been taken to deal with offenders according to the Query. but we are sensible more care in this respect is necessary. No cause of complaint as to placing judgment.

The time for which the Treasurer of this meeting was appointed having expired George F Reed is re appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Clerk is directed to make such extracts from our records for the past year as may be necessary. Sign them on our behalf and forward to our Yearly Meeting

Our business at this time having been accomplished we conclude. Purposing to meet again at North Berwick at the usual time in the 8th month next. Signed on behalf of the meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk.

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 27th of 8th month 1863.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends were named therein as representatives to this Meeting, namely from Salem. James P Boyce and Valentine Meader. From Berwick Joseph Meader. William Hill and Edmund Buffum. who are all present.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the required answers thereto. received from our Monthly Meetings. and the State of Society as shown by the answers to the queries from Salem Monthly Meeting having claimed our serious consideration. after a time of deliberation thereon it is concluded to defer any action in the case until our next Quarterly Meeting.

The following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received and read at this time to our satisfaction namely.

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held "at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the "15th of 6th month to the 17th of the same inclusive. 1863."

"Fourth day of the week and Seventeenth of the Month."

"The large number of Friends at present required by our "Discipline to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings having claimed "our attention at this time. in connection with the stripped "and scattered State of our Society. after a time of deliberation "thereon it is agreed that our Discipline in that respect be so "far altered as to provide that not less than fifteen Members "shall compose that Meeting. and that at least Seven Members "shall be present for the transaction of business."

"The Committee appointed at our last sitting to examine "and settle the accounts of the Treasurer and for other purposes "presented the following report +++++++ which was read and "approved. and George M. Eddy is accordingly appointed "Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year. and our "several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to him "their respective proportions of One Hundred and twenty-four "dollars. the sum concluded upon to be raised. it being "agreed that the proportion of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting "shall be fifty per cent. that of Salem and Dover thirty five "per cent. and that of Sandwich fifteen per cent

"Taken from the minutes. and signed by direction

"and on behalf of the Meeting by"

"Valentine Meader"

"Assistant Clerk"

("Salem and Dover Quarterly Meetings proportion being thirty-five per cent is Forty-three dollars and seventy-five cents")

and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to the treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportion, of Forty-three dollars and seventy-five cents, the sum named as our proportion of Yearly Meetings Stock, and the Clerk is directed to furnish those Meetings respectively with a copy of this minute.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting informed that they all attended.

Having no further business at this time we conclude, proposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the 10th month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn the 22d of 10th month 1863.

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends were named therein, as representatives to this Meeting, namely, From Salem James P. Boyce and Valentine Meader, From Berwick William Hill Joseph Meader and Pelatiah Hussey, who are all present.

The Queries were read, together with answers to the first Second and tenth, received from our Monthly Meetings

By the accounts from Salem Monthly Meeting the following extract from its minutes has been received, namely,

"At Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn the "8th of 10th month 1863."

"The reduced state of this Meeting in consequence of the with-"drawal of a large portion of our members, having claimed our "serious consideration at this time, and it appearing to us "that it would be impracticable longer to attempt to sustain it, "we are united in proposing to the Quarterly Meeting that Salem "Monthly Meeting be discontinued, and the members thereof "attached to Berwick Monthly Meeting, the Women's Meeting "Concurring Herein, and the Clerk is directed to forward a "Copy of this minute to our next Quarterly Meeting.

From the minutes of the Monthly Meeting aforesaid

James P. Boyer Clerk for the day

and after a time of weighty deliberation upon the proposition therein contained, it was united with, and this meeting accordingly directs that at the Monthly Meeting to be held at Lynn on the 12th of the 11th month, Salem Monthly Meeting be dissolved and thereafter discontinued, and that the members thereof be attached to, and made a part of Berwick Monthly Meeting, the women's meeting concurring herein. And we appoint our friends William Hill and Valentine Meader to attend that Monthly Meeting, to receive the Records and Papers belonging thereto, and transfer them to the Clerk of Berwick Monthly Meeting, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting. And the Clerk is directed to furnish Salem and Berwick Monthly Meetings each with a copy of this minute

Having no further business at this time we con=
=clude, Supposing to meet again at North Berwick at the usual time in the first month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk

At Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting held at North Berwick the 28th of 7th month 1854

By accounts received from Berwick the [illegible] Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting named Tristram Hill, Joseph Foster, and Aaron Varney, who are all recent[illegible]

The time having arrived for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this Meeting were appointed, Tom Hill on behalf of the Representatives informed that a part of them had con[illegible] together and united in proposing [illegible] for Clerk, and [illegible] for Assistant Clerk, which was united with and they were accordingly appointed to [illegible] for one year or until another appointment.

[illegible] and the names there [illegible] received from Berwick Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly meeting to attend [illegible] to receive the reports and minutes of ministry and transcript the same to the Quarterly Meeting, have at this time reported satisfactorily that they have attended to that service.

There being no further business at this time we are to [illegible] to meet again at Quarterly Meeting time in the 9th month next

Signed on behalf of this Meeting

Tristram Foster Clerk

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem the 1st & 2nd Days of 6th Month 1864.

By accounts received from Berwick Monthly Meeting the Representatives to this meeting from that Meeting, we learn that said Meeting is small, numbering at present [illegible] members.

The Queries were read in this Meeting together with answers thereto, which we believe very nearly describe the present state of said Meeting, and are accordingly directed to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting, by our Friends Wm Hill, Valentine Wentworth and George Vickery, whom we appoint and attend said Meeting as Representatives.

Berwick Monthly Meeting informs us that their Treasurer has been directed to pay their proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

The time for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed having expired Wm Hill is appointed to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment, and he is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

In consequence of the withdrawal of a considerable number of the members from our Meetings in Salem, and the sorrowful changes resulting therefrom it is our judgment that it will be [illegible] to [illegible] our Quarterly Meeting in Salem, and we are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting that the time and place of holding our Quarterly Meeting be changed from 4th day in the 9th month at North Berwick on the 4th day in the 4th month at the usual hour, the necessary Queries in reading concerning herein, and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of the foregoing minute in the account to our next Yearly Meeting, together with such other extracts from our Records as may be necessary.

Having no further business at this time we conclude by proposing to meet again at North Berwick at the usual time in 8th Month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Wentworth

Clerk

Summary Answers

Answer

First — All our Meetings for Religious Worship and discipline have been attended, and conducted by such of our members as were able, tho two much neglected by a few — The hour is well observed by most, but a few are at times inclined to be late — Friends are mostly preserved from sleeping when met — & their conduct becoming decency.

Second

Love and Unity appear to be pretty well maintained, and detraction guarded against. No differences have appeared amongst us.

Third

Our friends generally are careful to bring up their children in plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation. Tho' they are not always successful herein. They are for the most part good examples in these respects themselves. In this & the following [illegible] are frequently found in Friends families.

Fourth

Friends appear to be careful to avoid the use of intoxicating liquors except for medicine and the frequenting of taverns and other places of public resort — true moderation and temperance appear to be observed on the several occasions referred to.

Fifth

Clear in these respects as far as appears.

Sixth

Parents and heads of families are generally careful in these particulars, but among the rising too little inspection appears to be kept there.

Seventh

Friends are careful as far as appears to maintain our testimonies in the several parts of this query.

Eighth

As far as is known friends are careful to inspect their offices and conduct, to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ninth - Due care is taken with regard to recording — None have removed from or come amongst us without certificates.

Tenth

Care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders consistently with with the Query - No cause of complaint as to [illegible] judgment [illegible]

At a [illegible] Quarterly Meeting of Friends held [illegible] Berwick [illegible] [illegible] 1801.

[illegible]

[illegible] were married therein [illegible] [illegible] Hill, Aaron [illegible] and Valentine Meader who are all present.

The Queries were read with the Answers thereto as received from Berwick Monthly Meeting.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting [illegible]

The ~~[illegible]~~ Extracts from our [illegible] Meeting [illegible]

Berwick Monthly Meeting is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that Meeting $17.3[illegible], the sum [illegible] [illegible] the Clerk is directed to [illegible] that meeting with [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] adjourn at the usual time in 11th month next —

Clerk.

[illegible]

[illegible] Sythe accounts received from
[illegible] Monthly Meeting appears that the following friends
[illegible]

[illegible] were appointed.

[illegible] having agreed, [illegible] Hill on behalf of the Repre-
sentatives informed that they had conferred together, and
[illegible] on preparing Instructions
[illegible] Stuckey for Assistant Clerk, [illegible] was unan-
imously & accordingly appointed to the

[illegible] succeeded by Answers
[illegible] from Berwick. Mon
[illegible] Quarterly Mtg.

the 1st, 2nd and 4th.

Meetings.

The Rest

Reports have been received from our

Friends

a copy of said Minute.

Time, we conclude, purposing to Meet again at 2
the usual time in

Friends

required to attend this Meeting
Isaac Hill, and Zelatiah Kenney are present.

The
read the Queries at this time with answers
received from Berwick Monthly Meeting.

Queries

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Palestine Theatre,

Resolved ——— That a real municipal ownership be maintained

Resolved ——— That the Labor organizations of this city

1st - Most friends manifest a zeal to prevent all those under
their direction in Christian knowledge and virtue,
from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, yet they are not always successful herein. They are
for the most part very remiss in these respects themselves. The
[illegible]

2d - Friends appear to be careful to avoid the use of spirituous
liquors for drink, and in paying debts, in
other places of public resort - true moderation and

I am these particulars, but since the
circumstances of these times

4th Friends are careful so far as appears to maintain

Answer 3rd. Friends are desirous to [illegible]

[illegible]

Answer 4th [illegible] in the several stations of this Society.

Answer [illegible]

[illegible] the young [illegible]
take due care in these respects.

Answer 7th – We believe Friends are [illegible]
faithfulness of this Society.

Answer 8th – Friends are careful in [illegible]

Answer 9th We have taken due care as to [illegible]
[illegible] would be a place where no [illegible]

Answer 2nd [illegible]

Answer 3rd Friends appear careful to
their direction in

They are go
Holy Script

Answer 6th We have no members amongst us who

Answer 5th [illegible] ear in the several particulars of their

Answer 7th As far as is known friends are carefu
their affairs and settle their accounts, also to
to their promised just in the payment of their
and careful to live within the bounds of their circum

Answer 9 th Careful concerning our records
removals from amongst us.

Answer 10th In consequence of the small condit
section on account of numbers, we h

at this time

having expired for which the Treasurer
remitted, Two Pds, in a promissory Note

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
North Berwick the 22nd of 8th Month 1874

Accounts have been received from Berwick Month

[illegible]

The usual time of 1st Month next

[illegible] the Meeting
Valentine Rhoades

[illegible] meeting were appointed. Valentine Meader was appointed Clerk and Obadiah Gaskill Assistant Clerk and it was ~~ordered~~ [illegible] with they are according appointed to their services respectively for the ensuing or until another appointment.

The Queries were read at this

are answered

at Yearly Meeting, to our satisfy

The Clerk is directed to make such extracts from the Minutes as necessary, ~~and~~ sign them on our behalf and

restrain them [illegible]

But we fear our [illegible] in the selection of their reading. Most of their books are frequently read on Sabbath [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Answer 6th Parents and heads of families appear careful in the several particulars mentioned in this query.

Answer 7th Clear in these several respects as far as appears.

Answer 8th Friends are as far as is known, careful to settle their affairs and settle their accounts [illegible] promises just in the payment [illegible]

Answer 9th Careful as to records— Clear in [illegible]

[illegible]

At Salem and Dover Quarterly, In

By accounts received from

it appears that the friends married

as the Discipline requires

with

being married with they are acc

the friends were read at this

our friends from Rhode Island & elsewhere

appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting

Minutes as in

Answer 1st — All our meetings for Religious Worship and [illegible] of our members who are able. The hour is well observed by most — Friends are mostly preserved from sleeping when met — & of the rising behavior clear.

Answer 2nd — Love and unity appear to be well maintained and detraction guarded against — No differences have appeared amongst us —

Answer 3rd — Most Friends manifest a care to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behavior and apparel, to restrain them from promiscuous reading and corrupt conversation, and to be good examples herein themselves. We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Answer 4th — Friends appear to be careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, the [illegible] Time of Training and other [illegible] of public resort. Temperance moderation and temperance have to be observed on the other occasions referred to.

Answer 5th — From our these [illegible]

Answer 6th — Parents and heads of families are generally careful in these particulars — But with the young less importance is attached than to

Answer 7th — Friends are careful as far as opportunity [illegible] this Query —

Will whom we do appoint our representatives then
the Clerk is directed to
same on our behalf, and forward him to our
Meeting.

Having no further business at this time
conclude purpose

Answer 4th — Friends as we believe are mostly careful in these respects.

Answer 5th We have no poor amongst us who need assistance. No Children placed from among friends

Answer 6th — We believe parents and heads of families wish to take due care in these respects.

Answer 7th Careful as to recording — Clear as to

We are not in condition as a

have been received from Berwick Monthly

The Queries were read at this

by Answers thereto received from Berwick

Valentine Wheeler Clerk

Minutes of Dover Quarterly Meeting held

Berwick 27th of 4th Month 1876.

Accounts have been

from Berwick Monthly Meeting, by which it appears

thirty are Patrick Hussey and Mical Hussey

Answer 1st Our Heavenly [illegible]

Answer 2nd Love and unity appear [illegible]
degree maintained and det[illegible]

Answer 3rd Friends appear to be careful to [illegible]
those under their care in plain[illegible]
restrain them from pernicious [illegible]
from corrupt conversation. They ar[illegible]
herein themselves. We believe it [illegible]

Answer 6th Parents and heads of [illegible]

Answer 3rd — We believe Friends are desirous that those

examples shewn themselves — We think [illegible]
are frequently read in Friends families.

[illegible]

till partake of learning to fit them for [illegible]
for friends children placed among friends.

Answer 6th — We know of no variation from the
requisitions of this Query.

[illegible]

Answer 8th Friends appear to be [illegible]
— spect their affairs and settle [illegible]
Cases carried on the other Quarterly Meetings [illegible]

[illegible]
— recent removals from among us.

[illegible]
— in relation to indebtedness
among our selves accounts —

The Queries have been read at this time
Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th received from
Monthly Meetings
the usual time in 4
At Salem and Swan Quarterly
Meeting held by adjournment from the 24th of 4th Month 1874.
by minute we appear that the queries, answered
to satisfaction. Their Answers in Representation are
Chandler is reappointed to that service for the e
The Queries have been read in this
and the following Answers thereto prepared with
are according
Yearly Meeting
[illegible] whom we a
our representatives.
Chairman
to meet again at [illegible]

At Salem and Lower Quarterly
held at North Berwick 28th of 8th Month 1884.

[illegible]
herein do attend this Meeting
Albert S. Gregory and Charles
present.

The Queries have been read at this
[illegible]

Having no further business we conclude pro-
-ceeding to meet again at this place at the usual time.
the 10th Month next.—

On behalf of the Meeting
Valentine Wheeler Clerk—

At Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Accounts have been received from Berwick
Monthly Meeting in which it appears that the Friends

"The Queries have been read followed
by Answers to first-2nd and 10th received from

Meet again at this place at the usual time—the
4th Month next.—

At Salem and Dover quarterly meeting of Friends, held at North Berwick 22nd day 9th month 1880—

Minute from Dover Monthly Meeting by which it appears that the Friends named therein [illegible] attend this Meeting as Representatives [illegible]

[illegible] was appointed having signified, [illegible] appointed to that service for the year ensuing, or [illegible]

[illegible] nearly represent our present weak state, directed to be forwarded to our next Yearly [illegible] and [illegible] will [illegible] attend said Meeting as our Representatives.

[illegible] Extract from our records, signed the same as [illegible] and forwarded them to our next Yearly Meeting

Friends are favoured in our meetings, and [illegible] becoming

2nd 3mo Friends appear to be careful to bring up those under their care in plainness, and to warn them [illegible] pernicious [illegible] examples

2d 6mo We have no overseers amongst us who [illegible] assistance. No children placed from among friends.

Ours friends are careful to inspect [illegible] and settle their accounts to be punctual [illegible]

[illegible] Sandwich 25th of 8th month 1881.

[illegible] our last Yearly Mee.
at this time nearness
is a Friend

At our Yearly Meeting
Newport in the 6th month 1881 the following
adopted.

"Sandwich Quarterly Meeting
"was as desired & agreed, (on account of the small
"# of Friends remaining in that Meeting) that it be
"discontinued. It was concluded to do so and to furnish
"Members thereof to Sandwich [illegible]
"the unity of the Women's Meeting herein [illegible]
"directed to inform Guilford and Dover, and Farmington
"Meetings of the action of this Meeting, in this case."

Extracted from the Minutes of New England Yearly
Meeting held at ~~North Dover~~ Newport-on-Rhode
Island 6th month 1881 by

Jonathan Chase Clerk.

3rd A general care is manifested to bring up these
in their direction in blameless & also to restrain them f

4th Clear in these several respects as

to assigns is known are careful to inspect their
& settle their accounts, to be produced to their
in the payment of their debts and careful